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§9–663.

- (a) A sanitary commission:
 - (1) Shall control the use of water in its district; and
 - (2) Has jurisdiction over each fire hydrant connected to a system operated by the district.
- (b) If a sanitary commission determines that there is a shortage of water or that the supply of water should be conserved, the sanitary commission may:
 - (1) Issue an order that requires the conservation of water; and
 - (2) Include in the order specific requirements for conserving water use.
- (c) The sanitary commission shall publish the order in a newspaper published in each member county covered by the order.
- (d) Each water user shall obey the order of the sanitary commission, effective with the earlier of:
 - (1) The first publication of the order; or
 - (2) Receipt of the order from the sanitary commission.
- (e) Without notice, the sanitary commission may disconnect the water supply of any person who violates the order.
- (f)
 - (1) To prevent waste of water, a representative of a sanitary commission at any reasonable time may enter any property connected to a system operated by the district and inspect the plumbing system on the property.
 - (2) On entering any property, the representative of the sanitary commission shall present appropriate credentials to the owner, operator, or agent in charge.
 - (3) After the inspection, the representative of the sanitary commission may order necessary changes to the plumbing system:

- (i) To eliminate leaks;
- (ii) To prevent water loss; and
- (iii) To prevent unnecessary or improper use of sewers.

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